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Letter dated 5 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 3-5 January 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Churkin**

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Annex to the letter dated 5 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (3 January 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, two ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,086.

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with armed groups.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of armed groups in Mu'addamiyat al-Shaykh in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 00:00 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis. The following armed opposition units joined the ceasefire: Faylaq al-Sham, Front for the People of the Levant (Army of Mujahidin, Revolutionaries of the Levant), Sultan Murad Brigade, Idlib Army, Hawks of the Levant, Rahman Corps, Levant Front, Fa'istaqim group, Jaysh al-Izzah, Victory Army, First Coastal Division, Army of Islam and Martyrs of Islam Brigade.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement reported 27 violations in the following governorates: 8 in Hama, 7 in Aleppo, 7 in Ladhiqiyah and 5 in Damascus.

The Turkish representative office reported 18 violations in the following governorates: 7 in Aleppo, 6 in Damascus, 2 in Idlib, 2 in Homs and 1 in Dar'a.

Investigations are being conducted into all cases of violations and all possible measures are being taken to prevent similar events from occurring.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours no humanitarian operations have been carried out.

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians of Aleppo city.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (4 January 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, three ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas in Marj Ma'irban and Salaghu (Ladhiqiyah governorate) and Khan al-Shih (Damascus governorate).

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,091.

The reconciliation process in the Syrian Arab Republic continues to advance steadily, in accordance with the agreements reached.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 00:00 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The following armed opposition units joined the ceasefire: Faylaq al-Sham, Front for the People of the Levant (Army of Mujahidin, Revolutionaries of the Levant), Sultan Murad Brigade, Idlib Army, Hawks of the Levant, Rahman Corps, Levant Front, Fa'istaqim group, Jaysh al-Izzah, Victory Army, First Coastal Division, Army of Islam and Martyrs of Islam Brigade.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement reported 12 violations in the following governorates: 5 in Ladhiqiyah, 4 in Hama and 3 in Damascus.

The Turkish representative office reported 27 violations in the following governorates: 9 in Idlib, 5 in Damascus, 4 in Hama, 3 in Aleppo, 3 in Homs, 2 in Dar'a and 1 in Qunaytirah.

Investigations are being conducted into all cases of violations and all possible measures are being taken to prevent similar events from occurring.

As a result of targeted efforts, there have been fewer violations of the ceasefire regime by both of the opposing sides and trust between them has increased.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours four humanitarian operations have been carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 1 ton to schools of the Hamdaniyah-4 and 3000 neighbourhoods of Aleppo city
- Approximately 1 ton to the Azizi district of Aleppo city

- Approximately 2 tons to the Sakhur-3 district of Aleppo city
- Approximately 5.5 tons, including the preparation and supply of hot food, to the temporary accommodation camp for civilians of Jibrin near Nayrab airbase in Aleppo city

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians of Aleppo city.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (5 January 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 1,091.

The reconciliation process in the Syrian Arab Republic continues to advance steadily, in accordance with the agreements reached.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 00:00 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis. The following armed opposition units joined the ceasefire: Faylaq al-Sham, Front for the People of the Levant (Army of Mujahidin, Revolutionaries of the Levant), Sultan Murad Brigade, Idlib Army, Hawks of the Levant, Rahman Corps, Levant Front, Fa'istaqim group, Jaysh al-Izzah, Victory Army, First Coastal Division, Army of Islam and Martyrs of Islam Brigade.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement reported 15 violations in the following governorates: 5 in Hama, 5 in Damascus, 3 in Ladhiqiyah and 2 in Aleppo.

The Turkish representative office reported 13 violations in the following governorates: 4 in Hama, 3 in Idlib, 3 in Damascus, 1 in Aleppo, 1 in Ladhiqiyah and 1 in Dar'a.

Investigations are being conducted into all cases of violations and all possible measures are being taken to prevent similar events from occurring.

As a result of targeted efforts, there have been fewer violations of the ceasefire regime by both of the opposing sides and trust between them has increased.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours four humanitarian operations have been carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 3 tons to the temporary accommodation camp in Shaykh Maqsud in Aleppo city
- 1 ton to the Ansari and Ard-al-Sabah districts of Aleppo city
- Approximately 2 tons to the Bani Zayd district of Aleppo city

- New Year gifts were given to children at the Zuhur al-Rabi kindergarten and the Fallen Hero Sulayman Ibrahim school in Ruwaymiyah, Ladhiqiyah governorate

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians of Aleppo city.